

WAYNE, PA—On Tuesday, April 14, 2009, Congressman Joe Sestak (PA-07) addressed the 7th grade class of Radnor Middle School in Wayne, Pa., about leadership and public service. He also took questions about the role of the federal government and attended a reception the students held for him in the library.

“Thank you so much for having me here today,” Congressman Sestak said to the 7th grade class. “Some of you may not believe it, but the work I do down in the Capitol in Washington, D.C., I do for all of you here. I have a young daughter, and I work hard so that she, and all of you here today, have every possible opportunity to succeed in the future and that you inherit a world that’s better than the one my generation inherited. As a nation, everything we do now—whether it’s investments in economy, health care, the environment, or national security—will not be effective unless we give you the tools you need to prosper and become effective leaders in the future.”

Radnor Middle School is a part of the Radnor Township School District. The District consists of one high school, one middle school, and three elementary schools and its staff of 300 educators teach 3,600 students.

*Born and raised in Delaware County, former 3-star Admiral Joe Sestak served in the Navy for 31 years and now serves as the Representative from the 7th District of Pennsylvania. He led a series of operational commands at sea, including Commander of an aircraft carrier battle group of 30 U.S. and allied ships with over 15,000 sailors and 100 aircraft that conducted operations in Afghanistan and Iraq. After 9/11, Joe was the first Director of “Deep Blue,” the Navy’s anti-terrorism unit that established strategic and operations policies for the “Global War on Terrorism.” He served as President Clinton’s Director for Defense Policy at the National Security Council in the White House, and holds a Ph.D. in Political Economy and Government from Harvard University. According to the office of the House Historian, Joe is the highest-ranking former military officer ever elected to the U.S. Congress.*

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